

SPORTS OF A DAY

INDUSTRIALS READY FOR
BIG BASEBALL SEASON

Here Are Eight Teams and Every One a Pennant Winner—Gentlemen, Lay Your Bets -- Something About the Managers and the Men Who Have Been Secured to Play the Game.

"Baseball players may come and baseball players may go, but the Industrials live on forever—Winter does not come and winter does not go but there is but one pennant." Words spoken by Jakey King between sunrise and the vestibule.

With the coming of spring and the annual meeting of the Industrial league directors just held, and a schedule committee out on its job, looking up plumb dates for the teams offering the best inducements, talk begins in earnest about possibilities for the coming year.

The Askrofts, the team that managed to get out of last place, last season on the last day, by winning a double header from the lowly Bullards, has thrown up the sponge, for the want of enthusiasm and players, and the league has taken the American & British team into its fold. What the baby team can produce remains to be seen. Nothing has been spoken as yet about a possible City League to play Saturdays, the leaving of the Industrials the only large league in Bridgeport. The past records speak for themselves. The Industrials have now been in the limelight for two seasons, have finished some of the best baseball possible and at its close gave two of the greatest pennant chasing exhibitions ever witnessed, especially last season, when three teams were tied up at the close for first position, necessitating a play off.

This season, in the opinion of the managers, will be a hummer. New material has been secured by all the teams, players have been added to the roster of each and spring practice will be begun earlier, so that at the beginning of the season the players will be in return they will add strength to the organization. The new team has a bunch of unknowns who will be heard from when the time for their appearance on the field arrives. The A. & B. team will have a crack battery, the mainstays of the Ansonia team last season, Tripp and Guider. With these two men as a starter and former City leaguers the new recruit will have to be watched.

UNION METALLIC CARTRIDGE CO.

Fresh from their success of 1908 the U. M. C. team will appear on the field with but few additions. There has been but one new player added to the list, that person being Gaffel of the Newfields, who is some hit as a catcher. The team will get out on the early and practice team work under the watchful eye of Captain Toomey. The old member who will cavort about the field, "Doc" Mohr, Jack Coffey, Charlie McCollough, Vince Vogel, the two Thompson boys, "Cy" Miller, Jimmy Jackson, Capt. Toomey, and Bill Jagers. Manager Arthur Ball says, "Nothing to it but U. M. C."

UNION TYPEWRITER CO.

Trouble has started out in the Yost factory, its not in the team, but among those who are to hold official position on the team. They have it so well doped out in the West End that they all want to get in on the pictures at the end of the season. The management of this team seems to have made further stride in the coping of players than the other teams. Already a long list has been secured as follows: "Tut" Slattery from the Sacred Hearts; Rohrbach, from the Black Rocks; Gustafson, from the St. Josephs; "Lucky" White from the Senior Typewriter team of Derby. Of the old ones, from last season, all will be on hand, including "Swampy" Whaley, Frank White, Billy Smith, "Red" Christie, Regnery, Tommy Keenan, Tommy Smallwood, Bill Dube, "Abe" Howell, "Joker" Burns, and Jake Delaney. Manager Whaley says, "We have been the idea of the Yost to go one better, and in this respect there will be no difference."

SINGER MANUFACTURING CO.

All the forces that combined to wreck the Singers, last season, have reunited and a first class team will be the result this season, able to hold the best of the bunch. Under the skillful direction of Fred Westline the new manager, great things are expected. As the Singers are in the midst of East Bridgeport, and as that part of the city is the home of baseball, locally, it is no wonder that a large majority work on the team. The new product there will be Ed. Westline, nephew of Fred's and pitcher for No. 1 Burnhams, when they won the pennant in 1908; Mohr, the star of the last season, and the Brookside's Ashcroft, Hilsinger of the Brookside's and Steinmetz of the Columbia Jrs. Manager Westline says he can see no reason why his team should not land on top of the heap.

BURNHAMS NO. 2.

Undiscovered with the showing made last season by what some experts considered the best team in the league, No. 2 Burnhams will again be on duty and will furnish excitement for the rest of the eight. Manager Colling is mum, but Assistant Manager Sullivan says that the plant has not started to get players yet, but when they do the result will be that the league will be set afire. Already one great big wonder from the west has arrived, in the person of Jim Sheridan, late of the Logan Square team, Chicago. Manager Sullivan says that baseball will be received more enthusiastically there this year than ever, which means that larger crowds will turn out to see the games.

In Manager Sullivan's old lot are "Edo" Keating, "Shorty" and "Hic" Edwood, Lalley, "Old" and "Freel" "Finnery" Finnerty, Mulligan, Gussman, and "Chap" Reck.

BURNHAM NO. 1.

Whoop-pee! Oh you George Ellsworth! George says, "Impossible to beat us out." Despite the loss of Ernie Luth, No. 1 will still be heard from. You can't stop George when baseball talk is started, he's all alone when it is talk. George says he will have the blackest surprise of all the teams to spring in the person of an Indian from the Missouri Reservation. We've been used to surprises from George, and this one, seeing the state he's in, will be no exception. In addition to last season's team, Manager George will have Johnny Downey, brother of Tommy, the new "Cub." The old ones include, "Dash" Richards, "Doc" Crumb, Ed McCarthy, "Hank" Vardon, Wilson, Steward, "Serge" O'Day, and McGuinness.

BRIDGEPORT BRASS CO.

Reports from the Brass Shop indicate that a baseball team will be in the field this season, namely, the Bridgeport Brass. Last season the team started in wrong without the support of the officials of the factory, without which no team can get along. They plucked along till the end, but it must have been discouraging to the players to lose most every week. This season sees a new manager in the person of H. C. Kent, who pitched and played right field last season. Under Manager Kent all is expected to be harmonious, a thing which can not be said of the team of 1908. They have not been slow in this factory either, as a few good players have secured positions, namely Tom Buckley, formerly with the Champion National team of the City league; Brown of the Columbia Jrs. and Kellogg and Lane of the Criterions. The old ones will include Harry Morrison, Kiser, Fitzgerald, Campbell, and a few others.

BULLARD MACHINE TOOL CO.

"We're in to stay," says Manager Pitt, "and don't think for a moment that the Bullards will be the pie as they were last season, we've got the goods coming." Besides the best of last year's team Bullards have their hooks out for four machinists who played in the Middlesex league in northern Connecticut. With these men Pitt ought to bolster up the weak spots and carry the pennant down on Broad street.

AMERICAN & BRITISH.

"It's up to us to make as good a record in the league as the two teams taken in last season, namely, the Union Typewriter and Singer teams," says Manager Tierney. From all reports the A. & B. are thankful for getting into the league and only hope that in return they will add strength to the organization. The new team has a bunch of unknowns who will be heard from when the time for their appearance on the field arrives. The A. & B. team will have a crack battery, the mainstays of the Ansonia team last season, Tripp and Guider. With these two men as a starter and former City leaguers the new recruit will have to be watched.

CASTORIA.

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NELSON LANDED THE
KNOCKOUT PUNCH

(Special from United Press.)
Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 12.—Battling Nelson has added another knockout to his credit. Scheduled to box a friendly bout with Pete Shaughnessy, the Texas champion, last night the latter tried to mix it up with the champion in the third round and Bat slipped one over to the stomach. It was all off with the Texan.

MALONEY ISSUES DEFINITIVE TO ALL MARATHONERS

Matt Maloney, holder of the world's Marathon record, yesterday deposited a certified check for \$1,000 for a match race, four or outdoor, at the Madison Square Garden over the Rye-to-Manhattan Marathon course.

ATELL WOULD NOT FIGHT
BECAUSE MONEY WASN'T THERE

(Special from United Press.)
Dayton, O., Feb. 12.—Last night "Foxy Abe" Atell was scheduled to meet Ray Bronson at 124 pounds. When the Indianapolis scrapper appeared he was only after a long wrangle that the fighters agreed to go on for ten rounds, half of the scheduled number. Then Atell would not fight because the club declined to pay him the money in advance. The champion will leave for the east shortly to try and get a match with Jim Driscoll, the English scrapper.

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GAME TO-NIGHT.

Pawtucket at New Bedford.

RESULTS LAST NIGHT.

At Providence—Providence, 5; Fall River, 4.

BENEFIT TO WHALEN TONIGHT

A testimonial benefit will be tendered to Les Whelan, the well known local comedian, by the A. B. C. Club and Eagle's Minstrel Troupe, at Eagles' hall this evening. The event promises to be one of the banner events of the season, the committee having secured some of the best talent obtainable in the city. Mr. Whelan's specialty is grotesque dancing and original monologues. Mr. Whelan is soon to take up professional roles with a minstrel troupe. There will be plenty of dancing also, after the completion of the entertainment. The concert will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

Valentine Supper.

A Valentine supper will be served at Tomlinson's Restaurant Saturday evening. Price 25c. Come and get a souvenir. 876-882 Main St.

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Guarding a Nail.

A gentleman in Jerusalem told me that he found a Turkish soldier on guard in some part of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where it was not usual for a sentry to be, and inquired of him why he was there.

He pointed to a nail in the wall and replied, "It is my duty to watch that nail."

Asked why, he explained that the Latins or the Greeks—I forget which—had driven the nail with the view of hanging a picture; that a rival sect had furiously objected, saying that it was an interference with their property and wanted to pull out the nail, that thereupon the Turkish government had intervened and set him to watch the nail and see that no picture was hung upon it and that it was not pulled out.

To allow the picture to be hung would have been to admit the claims of those who drove in the nail. To allow it to be pulled out would have been to admit the claims of those who objected to the driving in of the nail. Therefore the nail must be preserved and the picture must not be hung, and to see that this was so an armed sentry must watch day and night. For aught I know he may be watching still—Rider Haggard's "A Winter Pilgrimage."

Traced by a Bluebottle Fly.

The great objection to the use of poison for rats is that they retire to their homes and die there, to become a nuisance and a menace to health. Friends of the writer were compelled to have the floor and wainscoting of their dining room removed for this reason. A wiser man, knowing that a pair of poisoned rats had got under his floor, summoned not a carpenter, but a naturalist, to his aid. They knew that the rats were under the floor, but the difficulty was to fix the spot. There seemed to the owner of the house no alternative to the removal of the whole floor; hence his appeal to the nature detective. The latter would not hear of the floor coming up. He cried out for a bluebottle fly. One was captured unharmed and turned loose in the room. After a little preliminary hawking the bluebottle darted to the floor and remained on one spot, like a pointer which has found game.

"Your rats are under there," said the naturalist. They cut down through that board, and there were the rats.—New York Mail.

The First Pantomime.

John Rich has the credit of producing the first pantomime ever seen in England. This was performed on Dec. 26, 1717, at the theater in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Rich had found himself unable to compete with the legitimate drama at Drury Lane, so he thought himself of the comic masques occasionally performed in London and combined with their scenic and mechanical effects the maneuvers of the pantomime ballet. The result was "Harlequin Executed," which the advertisement of that day described as "a new Italian mimic scene, between a scaramouch, a harlequin, a country farmer, his wife and others." There were all the business with which we were familiar from childhood, but turned into palaces, shops into gardens, houses into trees. Of course the "earnest student of the drama" protested against this innovation, but Harlequin, Columbine & Co. have maintained their hold on public favor until the present year of grace.

Won a Wife by His Skill.

Action was a Grecian painter of about the time of Alexander, and he won his wife by his great work. He painted a picture called "The Nuptials of Alexander and Roxane," which was exhibited at the Olympic games. It excited such a stir that one of the judges cried in admiration, "I reserve crowns for the victorious athletes, but I give my daughter in marriage to he painter Action as a recompense for his picture." Action was one of the artists who excelled in the art of mixing colors. He could not go to the nearest store and purchase them, as artists do today.

Drawing the Line.

"I don't mind listening to a man who is paying for my dinner tell me the story of his life," said the woman. "Men's lives are generally interesting. But I won't stand to hear a woman tell everything she knows, even if she does pay for my dinner. I'd rather pay for my own dinner and get an occasional shy at the conversation."—New York Press.

A Hard Shot.

Husband (angrily)—What! More money? When I'm dead you'll probably have to beg for all the money you get! Wife (calmly)—Well, I'll be better off than some poor woman who never had any practice.

Peace and War.

"Peace hath her victories," quoted the wise guy.
"Yes, but we generally have to fight pretty hard for them," added the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

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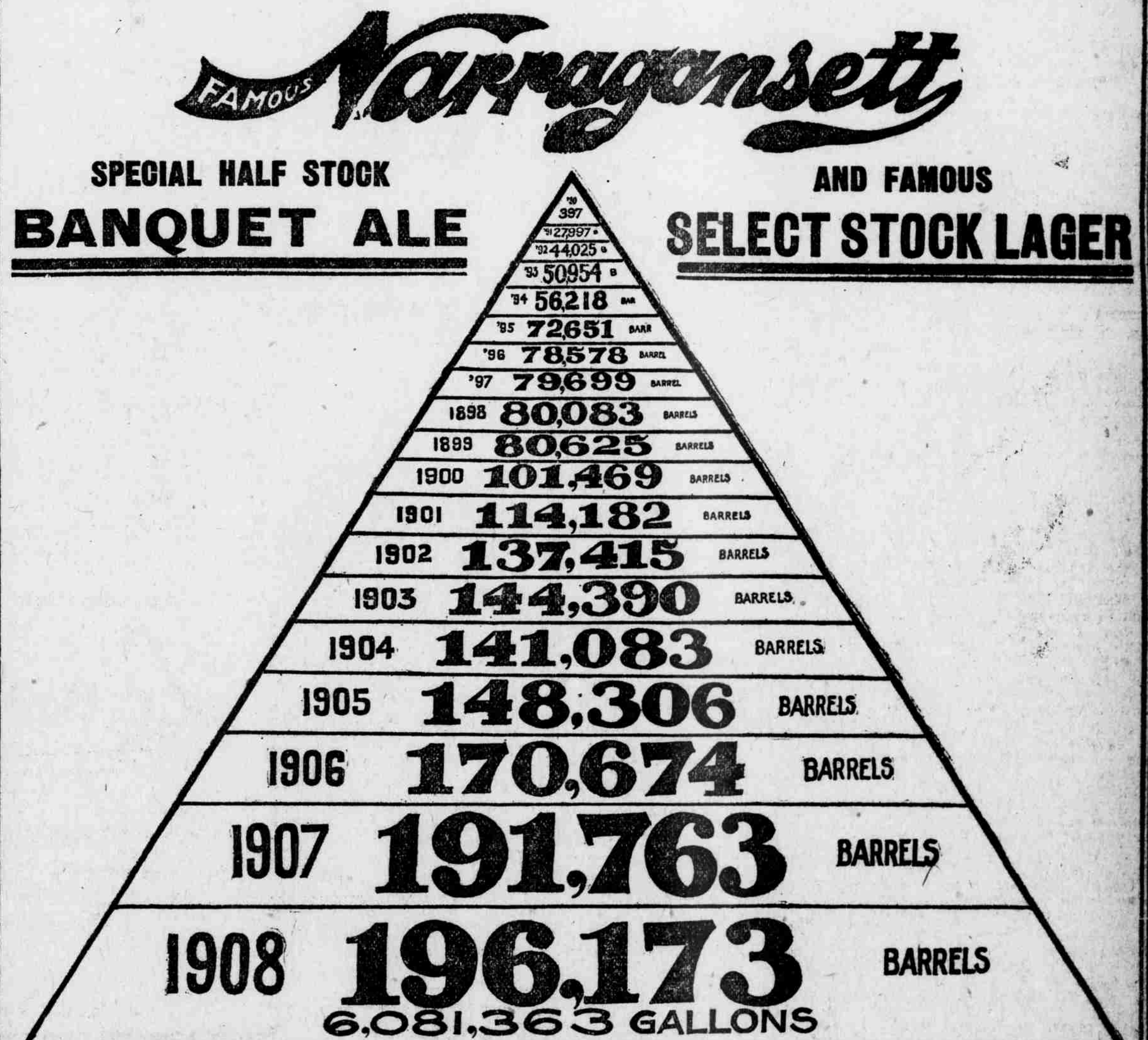
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